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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuharu IINUMA

Serial No. 09/124,231

Group Art Unit: 2674

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Examiner: R. Laneau

For: DISPLAY APPARATUS INCLUDING SCREEN SAVER FUNCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 26, 2002, with an Appeal Brief or RCE being required to be filed by February 26, 2003.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **REPLACE** claims 1-14 with the following **AMENDED** claims 1-14. New claims 15-19 have also been added.

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1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A display apparatus, comprising:
a display screen displaying thereon image data sent from a main apparatus;
a memory unit storing therein screen protecting image data; and
a display control unit operable to control the screen protecting image data stored in said memory unit to be displayed on said display screen irrespective of an operation mode of the main apparatus,